



TRANSPORT FOR LONDON



News update

Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards

In response to the Department for Transport's Statutory Standards to enhance passenger safety, in November last year we set out changes to taxi and private hire licensing requirements - in [TPH Notice 07/23](#) - that will be coming into force from 1 July.

We will be writing to licensed taxi drivers, PHV drivers and operators to set out in detail the new requirements that will apply, the next steps you need to take and our proposed approach to implementation and ensuring compliance.

More updates will be issued over the coming weeks, along with guidance documents to help you meet the new requirements. See [TPH Notice 07/23](#) for further information.

Ford RideLondon 2024

The annual cycling event is back in London and Essex on Sunday 26 May.

On Sunday 26 May, there will be extensive road closures in central London, east London and Essex, including some river crossings, until approximately 21:00. Delays are expected around the event, particularly on the A12 around the Blackwall Tunnel, A13 and A406.

Visit the website for [full information on road closures](#).

DBS Update Service

It is a **mandatory** licensing requirement that anyone now applying for a taxi or PHV driver licence (both new and renewal) is required to provide evidence of registration with the [DBS Update Service](#).

There are two opportunities to register with the DBS Update Service:

- 28 days from when you apply for your enhanced DBS check
- 30 days from the date when your DBS certificate was issued

If you miss the windows to register, then you will need to apply and pay for a new enhanced DBS check.

See our [video](#) explaining these changes, two guidance documents [here](#) and [here](#), and [TPH Notice 07/23](#) for further information.

Events

Olivia Rodrigo

Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 May, O2 Arena

Erykah Badu

Friday 17 May, The Blues Kitchen Shoreditch

Highways Festival

Saturday 18 May, Royal Albert Hall

Lewis Black

Sunday 19 May, Leicester Square Theatre

Dulwich Festival

Until Sunday 19 May, East Dulwich

British Basketball Play Off Finals

Sunday 19 May, O2 Arena

Trafalgar Square

From 07:00 until 21:00 on Saturday 18 May, Duncannon Street will be closed due to a political event. Large crowds are expected.

Central London

From 08:00 until 20:00 on Saturday 18 May, the Trek 26 sporting event will take place, starting and finishing at Larkhall Park via various London landmarks. Large crowds are expected along the route.

From 09:30 until 15:00 on Saturday 18 May, the ABS Chicken Run will take place on a route throughout central London. Large crowds are expected along the route.

From 18:00 on Saturday 18 until 12:00 on Sunday 19 May, the Moonwalk charity walk will be taking place across central London, starting and finishing at Clapham Common.

Wembley Stadium

From 11:00 until 20:00 on Saturday 18 May, Wembley Stadium will host the League One Play Off Final football match between Bolton Wanderers and Oxford United, with kick off at 16:15. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

From 11:00 until 17:00 on Sunday 19 May, Wembley Stadium will be hosting the League Two Play Off Final football match, with kick off at 13:00. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

Hackney

From 06:30 until 15:00 on Sunday 19 May, a half marathon will take place, starting and ending in Hackney Marshes. Extensive road closures will be in place along the route.

Southeast London

From 07:00 until 21:00 on Sunday 19 May, a motorcycle procession will take place, starting at Blackheath. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected.

Finsbury Park

From 10:00 until 13:00 on Sunday 19 May, the 3K, 5K and 10K Race for Life running event will take place in Finsbury Park. Large crowds are expected.

Clapham Junction

From 11:00 until 17:00 on Sunday 12 May, Spencer Road will be closed between the junction with St John's Hill and the junction of Elsynge Road during a festival event. Large crowds are expected.

Demonstrations

Central London

From 10:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 18 May, a march will take place from Parliament Square to Downing Street, along with static demonstrations outside Downing Street and on Richmond Terrace. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected.

Islington

From 12:00 until 21:00, a rally will take place on White Lion Street. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected. Delays are expected.

Road updates

Pembroke Road

Until 23:59 on Saturday 18 May, Pembroke Road will be closed in both directions at the junction of Warwick Road. Plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.

Blackwall Tunnel weekend closures

Blackwall Tunnel will be closed on the following weekends to help implement the road configuration for the new [Silvertown Tunnel](#), which will open in 2025:

- Saturday 18 to Monday 20 May
- Saturday 1 to Monday 3 June
- Saturday 8 to Monday 10 June
- Saturday 29 June to Monday 1 July

All closures run from 00:01 Saturday morning (Friday midnight) until 05:00 Monday morning.

The tunnel will remain open to northbound traffic. At times there may be diversions on approach, or northbound traffic may be diverted through the southbound tunnel.

For detailed information and updates, [visit our website](#).

Ealing Road

Temporary traffic lights are currently in place between Ealing Road and its junction with Brentford High Street to support construction works. These works are expected to be in place until the end of July. Increased traffic is expected

Rank suspensions

The following ranks will be out of service:

- **5541 Park Lane (Dorchester Hotel)**, from 05:00 on Monday 6 May until 23:59 on Monday 30 September. First portion only to be suspended for a safety area for scaffolding
- **5620 Holborn (Waterhouse Court)**, from 21:00 on Thursday 16 May until 05:00 the following morning. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works and traffic management. A temporary rank will be available in bus stop B, outside the Dilly Hotel
- **5681 Whitehall Court (Royal Horseguards Hotel)**, from 06:00 until 23:59 on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 May. Whole rank to be suspended for filming at the hotel
- **5512 Sloane Square**, from 00:01 until 10:30 on Sunday 19 May. Third portion only to be suspended for a feeding station for the London Moonwalk 2024 participants

- **5512 Sloane Square**, from 07:00 until 19:00 on Sunday 19 May. Rear 15 metres only of the second portion to be suspended for loading/unloading for Chelsea in Bloom
- **5512 Sloane Square**, from 07:00 until 12:00 on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 May. Rear 15 metres only of the second portion to be suspended for loading/unloading for Chelsea in Bloom
- **4150 Arlington Street (Bennet Street)**, from 06:30 until 15:30 on Tuesday 21 May. Whole rank to be suspended for a crane operation
- **6141 Porchester Road**, from 09:00 on Tuesday 21 until 15:00 on Wednesday 22 May. Whole rank to be suspended for a pedestrian walkway for footway works
- **5468 Wardour Street (Hummus)**, from 07:00 on Tuesday 21 until 18:00 on Wednesday 22 May. Whole rank to be suspended for traffic management of carriageway utility works
- **5711 Bishops Bridge Road (Feeder rank for Paddington station)**, from 22:00 until 05:00 each night from Wednesday 22 until Friday 24 May. Whole rank to be suspended overnight to replace bridge expansion joints

Consultations

City Plan 2040

The City of London Corporation is consulting on its [new City Plan](#). You have until Friday 31 May to respond to the consultation.

Lambeth School Streets schemes

Lambeth Council is consulting on two phases of School Street schemes. The consultation on [Phase 3](#) closes on Monday 8 July and the [Phase 4](#) consultation closes on Monday 26 August.

Evening economy in Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington and Chelsea Council is carrying out a [survey on the evening economy](#). You have until Monday 1 July to complete the survey.

VAT Treatment of private hire vehicles

The government is consulting on a [VAT treatment of private hire vehicles](#). You have until Thursday 8 August to respond to the consultation.

For the latest updates please follow us on X [@TfLTPH](#)

Yours sincerely,

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